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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (original): An apparatus, comprising:

 a stack segment, the stack segment having an annular body and an axial core;

 a sheath, the sheath having a large pocket, the large pocket being approximately as large as a compact disc; and

 a connector, the connector having a distal end and a proximal end, the distal end connected to the sheath and the proximal end connected to the stack segment.

2. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sheath is adapted to receive and retain a compact disc.

3. (currently amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 1~~An apparatus, comprising:

a stack segment, the stack segment having an annular body and an axial core;

a sheath, the sheath having a large pocket, the large pocket being approximately as large as a compact disc; and

a connector, the connector having a distal end and a proximal end, the distal end connected to the sheath and the proximal end connected to the stack segment, wherein the connector is detachably connected to the sheath, wherein the sheath has a small pocket, and wherein the distal end of the connector fits into the small pocket.

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4. (currently amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 1~~An apparatus, comprising:
a stack segment, the stack segment having an annular body and an axial
core;
a sheath, the sheath having a large pocket, the large
pocket being approximately as large as a compact disc; and
a connector, the connector having a distal end and a proximal end, the
distal end connected to the sheath and the proximal end connected to the stack
segment, wherein the connector is detachably connected to the stack segment,
wherein the stack segment has a female coupling, and wherein the proximal end
of the connector fits into the female coupling.

5. (currently amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 1~~An apparatus, comprising:
a stack segment, the stack segment having an annular body and an axial
core;
a sheath, the sheath having a large pocket, the large
pocket being approximately as large as a compact disc; and
a connector, the connector having a distal end and a proximal end, the
distal end connected to the sheath and the proximal end connected to the stack
segment, wherein the connector is detachably connected to the stack segment,
the stack segment having an outer circumferential groove, the proximal end of the
connector having an open-ring coupling, the open-ring coupling snapping into the
outer circumferential groove and wrapping more than halfway around the outer
circumferential groove.

6. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the axial core of the stack
segment has an axis, wherein the sheath is approximately planar, and wherein
the axis of the axial core is approximately orthogonal to the sheath.

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7. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a second stack segment having a second annular body and a second axial core, the axial core of the first-mentioned stack segment being aligned with the second axial core such that the second stack segment is rotatable relative to the first-mentioned stack segment about the axial core.

8. (original): The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the second stack segment is stacked on the first-mentioned stack segment to form a column of stack segments.

9. (currently amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 8,~~An apparatus, comprising:

a stack segment, the stack segment having an annular body and an axial core;

a sheath, the sheath having a large pocket, the large pocket being approximately as large as a compact disc;

a connector, the connector having a distal end and a proximal end, the distal end connected to the sheath and the proximal end connected to the stack segment; and

a second stack segment having a second annular body and a second axial core, the axial core of the first-mentioned stack segment being aligned with the second axial core such that the second stack segment is rotatable relative to the first-mentioned stack segment about the axial core, wherein the second stack segment is stacked on the first-mentioned stack segment to form a column of stack segments, and wherein a lamp is disposed atop the column of stack segments.

10. (original): The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising:

a shaft, the shaft passing through the axial core of the first-mentioned stack segment and the second axial core.

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11. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sheath is formed of clear plastic.

12. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the connector is a flat, hard piece of plastic.

13. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the stack segment and the connector are integrally formed.

14. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sheath and the connector are integrally formed.

15. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sheath includes a rigid surface upon which the compact disc rests.

16. (currently amended): A method, comprising:

(a) stacking a first stack segment on a second stack segment to form a column of stack segments, wherein the first stack segment has a first annular body and a first axial core and the second stack segment has a second annular body and a second axial core, the first axial core being aligned with the second axial core such that the second stack segment is rotatable relative to the first stack segment about the first axial core; and

(b) connecting a ~~compact disc~~connector to the first stack segment ~~such that the compact disc,~~ wherein the connector is connected to a sheath having a pocket that is approximately as large as a compact disc, and wherein the sheath is substantially orthogonal to the first axial core.

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17. (original): The method of claim 16, further comprising:

(c) inserting a shaft through the first axial core and the second axial core such that the first stack segment and the second stack segment are rotatable about the shaft.

18. (currently amended): ~~The method of claim 16, further~~ A method comprising:

(a) stacking a first stack segment on a second stack segment to form a column of stack segments, wherein the first stack segment has a first annular body and a first axial core and the second stack segment has a second annular body and a second axial core, the first axial core being aligned with the second axial core such that the second stack segment is rotatable relative to the first stack segment about the first axial core;

(b) connecting a compact disc to the first stack segment such that the compact disc is substantially orthogonal to the first axial core; and

(c) placing a lamp atop the column of stack segments.

19. (currently amended): An apparatus, comprising:

a plurality of modular stack segments, each of said plurality of modular stack segments rotatable about a central axis; and

means for attaching a plurality of compact discs to ~~the~~ said plurality of modular stack segments, each of said plurality of compact discs having a thickness ~~and being orthogonal to the central axis, each of said plurality of compact discs being separated in a dimension of the central axis from another of said plurality of compact discs by less than four times the thickness, wherein said~~ means comprises a connector adapted for attaching each of said plurality of compact discs orthogonal to said central axis and separated in a dimension of said central axis from one another by less than four times said thickness and more than one times said thickness.

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20. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 19, wherein ~~the~~said means employs a sheath.